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The Air Force has designated July 3 as a family day. All base facilities will be minimum manned. Contact your supervisor for more information.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

## Tyndall Gate hours change

Airman 1st Class Richard Blodgett, 99th Security Forces Squadron, checks I.D. cards and waves traffic through the Tyndall Gate Tuesday. Effective Tuesday, operating hours for the Tyndall (T Street) Gate will be from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

# Weapons school produces experts

By Tech. Sgt. Patricia Collins  
AWFC Public Affairs

Battles are won and lost because of training — or the lack of it. Those who have the better training win, and those who don't, die.

It's this life and death struggle that the U.S. Air Force Weapons School helps participants overcome by taking highly skilled people, teaching them even more in their specific area of expertise, and then sending them back to their units to share this information.

Col. Burt Field, Weapons School Commandant said, "This training encompasses weapons systems training, tactics and procedures and turns these officers into expert instructors.

"I expect every graduate of

the Weapons School to return to his or her unit and teach others," Col. Field said. "Each of our students are the best the Air Force has to offer. They are smart, dedicated professionals who are highly skilled in their area of expertise."

The Weapons School puts airmen through a grueling academic, flying and practical application course for six months that culminates in a mission employment phase of the school.

Not everyone graduates from the Weapons School. This is mainly due to the fact that the school is the toughest training program in the Air Force, said Col. Field. "We hone their skills. The bar is high. It takes dedication and willingness to work hard with the ability to adapt and be flexible to make it

through this school," he said.

While students practice their skills during the six months, it's the last week or so that gets down and dirty, said Col. Field. The mission employment portion of the school is where the students learn to integrate their particular skills with others to employ the weapons systems such as fighters, bombers and helicopters.

"This phase of the school takes the academic knowledge and practical experience everyone has learned and puts them to the test," said Col. Field.

It's an all-out battle in which only the best emerge victorious. When the dust settles, each of the participants head back to his or her home station to become leaders and the best instructors in the combat air forces.



# SECAF draws parallels between Korean War and today

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — While today's technology is vastly different, many parallels can still be drawn between the roles of air power in the Korean War and more recent operations such as those in Kosovo, according to the secretary of the Air Force.

"Although our technology is better, the basic truths (about air power) are the same and will remain so for the foreseeable future," said Secretary Whit Peters at a Korean Air Power Symposium here.

"The Korean War was a pivotal point in the development of today's Air Force," he said. "It was our first jet war and also marked the beginning of an unbroken record of U.S. air superiority. The initial stages of the Korean conflict marked the very last time an American commander on the ground ever had to worry about their troops being attacked from the air."

The Korean War was also the first of the limited wars that have become such a part of what we do today, he said. "Many are just beginning to awaken to the importance and overall impact (the Korean War) has on (our view of) warfare today."

The Korean War defined the start of the Cold War and led to the rapid expansion of NATO, the



Air Force Photo

**Air Force aircraft armorers load aerial rockets onto an F-80 Shooting Star's wing mount for its next mission in support of United Nations' troops fighting in Korea.**

backbone of U.S. defense alliances, Mr. Peters said. It fueled the formation of large standing forces in the United States and set the stage for American involvement in Vietnam. It was also the first major action for the fledgling United Nations and the first embodiment of the proposition that the United Nations should intervene militarily to suppress armed aggression.

"With the Cold War now over, we are tempted to believe the debate over how or when to use military force in a more limited capacity is new — it is not," Mr. Peters said. "Korea raised many of the same arguments of the value of participating on a more limited basis as part of a coalition in a far-off land. The Korean War is very instructive and its anniversary gives us the opportunity to reflect on the key aspects of air power and air dominance," he said, adding many valuable lessons and reminders can be learned from the Korean War.

The Air Force had drawn down rapidly after the victory of World War II and as a result was unprepared in many ways for the conflict in Korea. Mr. Peters said, "If ever there was a lesson to be learned from letting readiness slide, Korea is it."

The F-86, America's premier jet fighter of the Korean War, proved beyond a doubt the importance of superior technology, he said. "It is one

of the reasons we can never settle for parity alone. When we are going to send young men and women in harm's way, we need to make sure we have a decisive advantage."

Another lesson not to forget was that constant air superiority, once established and maintained in the skies over Korea, enabled tactical and strategic bombing forces to operate with near impunity behind communist lines, according to Mr. Peters.

"Fifty years later in Kosovo, dominance in the skies was never in doubt," he said. "So overwhelming was our advantage, most Serbian aircraft never got into the fight. Far more (aircraft) were destroyed on the ground than ever made it into the air. No allied planes were lost in air-to-air combat and not a single person on the ground was ever threatened by an enemy aircraft."

"We can see that many of the seeds of what we were able to do in Kosovo really found their roots in Korea with the way our air power was used to first provide air superiority and then to provide critical re-supply and attack operations," he said.

Noting that today's technologies are vastly different, he said, "We have evolved from air superiority to aerospace dominance, superiority and control. We consider space, with its ability to enable information dominance, to be a vital part of realm of which we must control."

"While our science has advanced and the operating theater greatly expanded, we still continue to focus on some of the same concerns that dominated in Korea and led to victory there," Mr. Peters said. "The name of the game is still highly trained and dedicated people, operational superiority, agile logistics, superior information and effective weapons."

"We have about half as many people in the Air Force today as we did at the beginning of the Korean War," he said.

"Our modernization programs will ensure we have a broad, highly capable, thoroughly integrated system of systems that will allow global vigilance, global reach and global power," Mr. Peters said. "We need to make sure that the Air Force can always provide (our forces) freedom from attack, freedom to maneuver and freedom to attack at any time and place of our choosing."



Photo by Senior Airman Stan Parker

**Staff Sgt. Perry McCiver, 510th Fighter Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy, makes a final check of munitions on an F-16 Fighting Falcon before a mission in support of Operation Allied Force.**

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# No troop reductions planned in South Korea

By Mr. Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The United States is encouraged by the accord signed by the presidents of South and North Korea, but officials say no U.S. troop reductions in South Korea are contemplated.

About 37,000 U.S. troops are in South Korea, mostly with the U.S. Army.

Pentagon spokesman Mr. Ken Bacon said that even if reunification occurs, South Korean President Kim Dae Jung would like to see U.S. troops remain in his country. Mr. Kim considers U.S. troop presence a regional

stabilizing force. Mr. Bacon said during a recent Pentagon press conference.

He said there is a lot of reason for exuberance over the historic summit, but that the exuberance ought to be tempered. "There's been one summit; it's turned out well," he said. "There is talk of another summit with President Kim Jong Il going to Seoul later this summer. And I think we just have to wait to see how events unfold."

North Korea continues to have a large well-armed force deployed close to the demilitarized zone, Mr. Bacon said. It continues to spend a disproportionate share of its gross national prod-

uct on the military at a time when people are starving.

"We hope that will change," Mr. Bacon said. "It's 50 years this summer since the Korean War began. It is time to have a peace settlement. It's time to have reconciliation. I think both presidents Kim see that, and they are apparently trying to move in that direction."

"But how ... 50 years of hostility and distrust and suspicion can be unfolded, and how quickly, remain to be seen. We hope very quickly, but I think that time will have to tell."

The next step is for Mr. Kim Jong Il to visit Seoul later this year.



Courtesy Photo

**The Army patrols the border between North and South Korea. There are approximately 37,000 American forces in country.**

## Summer heat, child safety tips offered: Be safe, have fun

By Lt. Col. Susan Brown  
99th Medical Group

During the summer, the high temperatures here in Las Vegas make outdoor activities an ideal choice for recreation.

Here are some safety tips that will help keep your child's summer a safe one.

### Pool facts

◆ Never leave your child alone in or near the pool.

◆ Avoid inflatable swimming aids such as "floaties." They are not a substitute for approved life vests.

◆ Swimming lessons are not recommended for children less than 4 years of age. Children are not developmentally ready for swimming lessons until after their fourth birthday.

◆ If possible, do not put a swimming pool in your backyard until your children are over 5 years of age.

If you have a pool at your home, surround the pool on all four sides with a sturdy five-foot fence.

Make sure the gates self-close and self-latch at a height children can't reach.

### Sunburn facts

Research has shown that two or more blistering sunburns as a child or teen increases the

risk of developing skin cancer in later life. You should try to keep your child out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when ultraviolet radiation is most damaging to the skin.

Most of the sun's rays can come through the clouds on an overcast day, so use protection even on cloudy days. Babies under 6 months of age should be kept out of the direct sunlight. A baby's sensitive skin is thinner than adult skin and will burn more easily.

Dress your baby in clothing that covers the body. Use clothing made of cotton because they are both cool and protective. Use hats with brims that shade the face and covers the ears.

Recently, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a statement recommending the use of sunscreen on small areas of the body, such as the face and hands, of infants younger than 6 months.

When choosing a sunscreen, look for the sun protection factor of at least 15. Put it on at least 30 minutes before going outdoors. The sunscreen needs time to work on the skin.

Be aware that some sunscreen components such as PABA may irritate children's sensitive skin. Sunscreen that is "water-proof" should be reapplied every 2 hours, especially if your child

is playing in the water.

### The ABCs of fun in the sun

The ABCs for fun in the sun are easy for children and parents to remember. They are:

**A** – Away, stay away from the sun in the middle of the day;

**B** – Block, use at least 15 or higher sunblock;

**C** – Cover up, wear a tee shirt and a hat;

**S** – Speak out, talk to family and friends about sun protection.

### Insects

Your child's reaction to an insect bite or sting will depend on his or her sensitivity to the particular insect's venom.

It is impossible to prevent all insect bites, but you can minimize the number your child receives.

Do not use scented soaps, perfumes or hair sprays and avoid dressing your child in clothing with bright colors or flowery prints. Insects appear to be attracted to these.

Insect repellents appropriate for the use on children should contain no more than 10 percent DEET (diethyltoluamide).

Repellents are effective in preventing bites by mosquitoes, ticks, fleas, and biting flies, but have virtually no effects on stinging insects such as bees, hornets, and wasps.

### Playground injuries

Each year about 250,000 children

age 15 and younger get hurt on playground equipment. These injuries include head trauma, broken bones, sprains, and injuries to the teeth and mouth.

The best way to prevent these injuries is to have a playground surface that will absorb impact when your child lands on it.

Some examples include sand (10 inches deep), wood chips (12 inches deep), and rubber outdoor mat (manufacturer's recommendations).

These types of surfaces are especially needed under and around swings, slides, and climbing structures. Swings should be made of soft materials such as rubber, plastic or canvas. Make sure metal slides are cool to prevent children's legs from getting burned.

### Dog bites

Children make up more than 60 percent of all dog bite victims. Never leave your infant or young child alone with any dog.

Children should be taught to ask permission from a dog's owner before petting a dog. Instruct your child never to disturb a dog that is caring for puppies, sleeping, or eating. Instruct your child to stand still if approached or chased by a strange dog.

For more information on child summer safety tips, call 653-2361.



## Action Line

commander.action@nellis.af.mil

**652-4636**



**Col. Delwyn Eulberg**  
99th Air Base Wing

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Delwyn Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail address: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

### Helpful phone numbers

BX Customer Service - 644-2044

Commissary - 643-7919

Child Development Center I - 652-4241

Child Development Center II - 652-5885

Finance (mil-pay) - 652-4844

# Career Assistance Advisors wanted

By Chief Master Sgt. Michael Fusco  
99th Air Base Wing

Are you interested in breaking new ground? Do you want a challenge that can have far reaching impact and long lasting affects? Then read on.

In an effort to combat our retention challenges, the Air Force is implementing the position of Career Assistance Advisor. The Air Force is looking for highly motivated and experienced senior noncommissioned officers to accept the challenge.

At Nellis your responsibilities will include advising officers and airmen on enlisted retention activities and programs. By conducting interviews to determine individual career intentions, you will provide information and guidance on career decisions to our personnel.

Additionally, you will be responsible for providing retention feedback to commanders and enlisted leaders to assist them in

developing career information and programs to motivate reenlistments. As the Nellis CAA, you will develop publicity programs, direct promotional projects; work with Air Reserve Component counterparts and recruiters to advertise benefits and opportunities of Reserve and Guard duty. Further duties include preparing and distributing publicity to airmen contemplating a career decision, writing and editing simple news stories and advertisements celebrating the Air Force experience and history.

Eligible candidates must be a volunteer, have current commander recommendation, must be able to obtain 24 months retainability, and be an E-7 or higher in any AFSC except those skills listed on the chronic critical skill listing. Individuals serving in selective reenlistment bonus skills who possess an assignment limitation code "O" must be within 24 months of its expiration. You

must also have a minimal Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test general score of 45.

Interested volunteers must submit a letter of recommendation from their commander and a statement listing their motivations and qualifications to Chief Master Sgt. Michael Fusco, 99th Air Base Wing Command chief master sergeant, by June 30.

The person selected will receive the special duty identifier 8A100. Additionally, you must be able to attend training at the earliest opportunity but not later than six months from date assigned.

The initial cadre will attend a quick start 5-day "survival" course at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, from August 14 through 18 or Sept. 25 through 29.

If you need additional information, call Chief Master Sgt. Ike Moore at 652-2509 or Chief Mike Fusco at 652-9982.



# Drugs are incompatible with military service

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan (AFPN) — The Air Force Office of Special Investigations and 374th Security Forces Squadron, in co-operation with local Japanese authorities, are investigating alleged drug abuse by approximately 20 military and civilian personnel assigned here.

About half of the investigations have been completed. So far, five Yokota airmen have received Article 15s for use or possession of marijuana and have subsequently been discharged.

Five other airmen have been investigated for possession or use of hallucinogenic mushrooms. These investigations are complete and awaiting command action.

Another nine people assigned here are under investigation for alleged use or possession of a drug called "Ecstasy."

Drug abuse is incompatible with military service and airmen who abuse drugs even once are subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and discharge for misconduct. Depending on the circumstances, they also may be subject to prosecution by local Japanese authorities.

Civilians who abuse drugs could face removal from their positions, debarment from Yokota, or prosecution by local Japanese authorities.

*Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces*

## Chief's Social

All active and retired Chiefs in the local area are invited to join the Nellis Chief's Group for a social get-together today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sam Boyd's Fremont Hotel and Casino. The event will be held in the upstairs banquet room and the cost is \$13 per person for heavy hors d'oeuvres. The menu is



chicken teriyaki skewers, swedish meatballs, chicken wings, assorted cold cuts with rolls, fresh vegetables with assorted dips, and potato salad. A bar will be set up for pay as you go and the dress is casual. Please call any Nellis Chief for information, or call Chief Master Sgt. Langdon at 652-7223 or Chief Master Sgt. Jasuta at 652-4963.





Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are at 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To be put on the email mailing list, send your request to [angel1m@lvcm.com](mailto:angel1m@lvcm.com). Call 652-5020 for more information.

### Today

#### **The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG-13)** *Mark Addy, Stephen Baldwin*

Fred and Barney are on top of the world, and life couldn't be better. In Bedrock, Fred ends up falling head over heels in love with Wilma, while Barney and Betty become inseparable. Together they whisk away on a BC-10 airplane for a romantic weekend in Rock Vegas. *Innuendos and brief language*

### Saturday-Sunday

#### **Where the Heart is (PG-13)** *Natalie Portman, Stockard Channing*

Novalee and her "Wal-Mart Baby" become instant celebrities when she gives birth on the floor-revealing her hideaway. Novalee finally becomes part of an unconventional, makeshift family comprised of her wonderfully eccentric new friends. *Intense thematic material, language and sexual content*

### Monday

#### **Held Up (PG-13)** *Jamie Fox, Nia Long*

Mike is having a bad day. As if it wasn't bad enough that he gets stuck out in the middle of nowhere, he then gets dumped by his girlfriend, Rae and his vintage sports car gets car-jacked by a 14 year-old. Things take a real turn for the worse when he stops inside the local convenience store to make a call and finds himself stuck in the middle of a hold-up. *Language, violence, and sensuality*

**Theater will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday**



Courtesy Photo

## Nellis day at Wet 'n Wild

***Bring the family out to Wet 'n Wild from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. July 1. Nellis will have access to the reserved picnic plaza at Wet 'n Wild. Come out and play games like volleyball, swim or throw a few horseshoes. All day long free soft drinks will be served, a DJ will spin tunes and prizes will be awarded. Advance purchase from Tickets and Tours is \$16 and cost will be \$19 at the gate. Contact ITT at 652-2192.***

## 2000 U.S. Savings Bonds campaign

The 2000 U.S. Savings Bonds campaign began June 1 and ends June 30. Two types of savings bonds with tax advantage and interest exemption are available for purchase, the EE and I Series.

The EE is sold at half the face value and earns interest at 90 percent of the average return on 5-year Treasury securities, with rates adjusted semi-annually to track market changes. The rate through October 2000 is 5.73 percent. The Series I is sold at face value, and earns a fixed interest rate — currently 3.6 percent — plus inflation every six months (current yield is 7.49 percent), making the money saved invulnerable to inflation and then some. Both come in denominations ranging from \$50 to \$10,000, both are tax advantages with interest exempt from state or local income tax while Federal tax can be deferred until they are cashed or reach final maturity, and both are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

If anyone is interested in buying EE or I type savings bonds, please contact your unit representative or Tech. Sgt. Dave Dennis, base project officer, at 652-2077 for more information.





# *Nellis test examiner administers 3,000 exams*

**By Tech. Sgt. Gayle Barajas**  
**AWFC Public Affairs**

Nellis' test examiner not only collected more than 1400 exams from staff and technical sergeants in February, he also managed to collect a few coins and ceramic eagles on his own time.

Mr. Robert Just, Nellis Military Test Control Officer, has been administering official tests to the Nellis populous for more than four years. Air Force Personnel Testing System is used to select and classify individuals and assess their skills and knowledge in various areas. The system is divided into three programs to cover different phases of the personnel life cycle: procurement and aptitude, promotion and proficiency.

Mr. Just oversees a wide variety of Air Force testing programs such as the Weighted Airman Promotion System, Air Force Officer Qualifying Test and Air Force Classification Test. This year he administered more than 3,000 tests to



Photo by Airman 1st Class James May III

**Mr. Robert Just, Test Control Officer, reviews testing guidelines with Airman 1st Class Stefan Kuit, 15th Reconnaissance Squadron.**

Team Nellis. He also issued tests to Army, Navy and Marine personnel.

"This year I will administer the WAPS exam in 10 days to 500 eligible members who are testing for the grade of senior master sergeant," said Mr. Just.

Mr. Just doesn't just pass out the exams, he grades a few of them as well.

"The WAPS and the AFOQT are the only tests that I send out to be scored and the others I grade here," he said.

The WAPS and AFOQT tests are mailed to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for scoring. Before sending answer sheets out, Mr. Just does a quality review to ensure personnel data is filled out correctly.

Mr. Just has had to pick up the pace on quality reviews and administering tests since the Air Force shortened the WAPS testing window.

"The Air Force cut the testing cycle down

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# Sunrise Vista golf course makes improvements

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz  
AWFC Public Affairs

Want to enjoy a scenic landscape while hitting a few? Nellis Sunrise Vista golf course is the perfect place. The golf course has improved and expanded under the close eye of Mr. Danny Fielder, Sunrise Vista golf course superintendent.

Because of his ingenuity, the facility has grown from 12 employees to 26 and the course has expanded from 27 holes to 36. Sunrise Vistas improvements haven't gone unrewarded, Nellis won best Golf Course in Air Combat Command in 1999.

"I thought military golf courses were usually broken down 'goat tracks,'" said Mr. Fielder. "A goat track is a term golfers use to describe a very poor facility. But, I was surprised to see the possibilities Nellis had to offer and saw a tremendous amount of potential for improvements."

Mr. Fielder was hired three years ago with full intentions of making changes. His improvements can be seen throughout the facility.

"All the playing surfaces have improved dramatically," said Mr. Fielder. "We made big changes in the chipping areas and driving range for cus-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

**Golfers can enjoy easier access to this green with the addition of a new golf cart pad. Before the pad was added, patrons walked on the fairway or they would drive on the grass while avoiding others' approach shots. The pad makes the approach both safer and more attractive.**

tomers satisfaction as far as practicing. We built and expanded the putting greens so they can now handle more customers. The improvements we made to the golf course make all the greens and fairways more enjoyable."

Mr. Fielder used his knowledge

and expertise in landscape architecture to create the new nine holes now available for customers.

"Research found that in the private sector, it would cost \$60,000 to make the changes so I offered my services and worked with Nellis' civil engineers to design the new course," he said.

Using existing land on Nellis, an old landfill was converted to the new playing area.

"During the design, we had to put two feet of material to cap the surface of the landfill," said Mr. Fielder. "We designed the course and then added trees and flowerbeds. This part of the new course was closed for a month to make improvements and now it is one of the most enjoyable courses played."

Mr. Fielder manages all the employees and equipment within the facility. He also oversees all ground agriculture and keeps the infrastructures of the facilities operational. "It's about 75 percent personnel management and 25 percent agronomics," said Mr. Fielder. "I am just the bus driver. It's everyone that I manage that gets us to our final destination."

Now that all the improvements are visible on Sunrise Vista golf course, the community and visitors alike can chip a few in an improved setting.

"We are one of the most visited bases in the Air Force," said Mr. Fielder. "The golf course can now accommodate all who come to visit. I couldn't have done it without the outstanding support from my staff and from the senior leadership here at Nellis."



## Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Amanda Nelson



**Unit:** USAF Weapons School

**Duty Title:** Aeromedical Apprentice

**Hometown:** Loveland, Colo.

**Time in Air Force:** Two and a half years

**Time at Nellis:** Two years

**Hobbies:** Singing and making scrapbooks.

**Goals:** To be promoted to senior airman below the zone and get my degree as a registered nurse.

**If I could change one thing about Nellis?** To have more activities and projects that bring airman together who have been around a while and those who are just starting their careers.

**Most significant Air Force memory:** Flying with the 66th Rescue Squadron.



Photo by Senior Airman Kenneth Kennemer



Photo by Staff Sgt. Molly Gilliam

## Honoring Old Glory

***“There is no better symbol of our country’s values and traditions than the flag of the United States of America,” said President William J. Clinton. Show respect for the U.S. flag at the end of the official duty day when the sound of retreat is played. Vehicles should come to a stop and members in uniform outdoors should face the flag or the sound of music and render a salute at the first sound of the national anthem.***





## Nellis News

### **Chief's positions**

The AFPC Chiefs' Group, in conjunction with Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Command, is seeking volunteers for the command chief master sergeant position at the 8th Fighter Wing Kunsan Air Base, Korea, reporting no later than August 10. A volunteer is also needed for Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. The AFPC Chiefs' Group, in conjunction with Headquarters Air Education Training Command, is seeking volunteers for the command chief master sergeant position, 19th Air Force Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, reporting no later than Sep. 15. Call Military Personnel Flight Customer Service at 652-9073 for more information.

### **Enlisted aide**

We are looking for enthusias-

tic applicants to fill positions at Osan Air Base, Korea and Peterson Air Force Base, Co. Individuals with culinary experience are highly desirable. However, if you possess a "can-do" attitude and have the ability to interact with senior officers, enlisted aide duty may be for you. Volunteers must be second term/career airmen in the grade of senior airman and above. Please contact your Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section at 652-9073/9459 for more information.

### **Change of command**

The **99th Medical Support Squadron's** change of command ceremony is July 7 at 9 a.m. in the Officers' Club.

The **422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron** change of command ceremony is July 21 at 3 p.m. in the

Thunderbirds' hangar. Additional information can be obtained by calling 652-7578.

### **Retirement Ceremony**

A retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Steven Wagner, 57th Logistics Support Squadron, takes place in the Adversary Threat Training Facility auditorium today at 1 p.m.

### **Retiree Casualty Assistance**

The Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center has established a new toll-free number for retiree casualty assistance. Families of retired, deceased military members can call this number, enter the zip code of the family member who requires assistance, and then be forwarded to the phone number of the closest casualty assistance office. The number is 1-877-353-6807. For more information contact the Military Personnel Flight Personal Affairs office at 652-9428/5972.

## **Basewide mandatory briefings**

Every active duty member is required to receive an annual briefing on the Law of Armed Conflict and Unprofessional Relations. The last day of briefings is **Tuesday at 8 a.m. and 3 pm.** in the base theater. For more information, contact Capt. Patrick Franzese at 652-5554.

## ***“Best Value” Program helps ID lowest prices***

**By Ms. Bonnie Powell**  
**Defense Commissary Agency**

FORT LEE, Va. - What's in a name? For some people it's everything. For others, price is the most important factor in grocery-buying decisions. The Defense Commissary Agency is kicking off a program to make the job of bargain hunting much easier for military shoppers, and still make sure customers are getting a quality product. Starting in July, shoppers will see “Best Value Item” signs at store entrances and on commissary shelves.

“The Best Value program identifies items that are the lowest price at the name brand quality our customers expect,” said Mr. Gary Duell, manager, Marketing Business Unit, DeCA. “Best value items will be clearly marked with shelf signs.”

Best Value prices will also be lower than premium quality store brands sold at retail groceries. Commissary store directors will be working hard at installations to ensure military

shoppers get the best prices without the hassle of having to research prices at the commissary - or at stores outside the gate.

The program is in response to customer demand for more price savings. The commissary system is making an effort to encourage single shoppers, military families and retirees on fixed incomes to take greater advantage of their benefit and “some of those customers have indicated that saving money is their number one priority,” said Mr. Duell.

Retail grocers often have “store” or “private label” brands, which can vary in quality and price. Commissaries, by regulation, are only permitted to carry “name brands” or brands that are widely available across the U.S. In cases where shoppers are more concerned with price and cost savings, name brands might not always be the least expensive choice.

The Best Value program won't apply to every size and type of grocery item carried by commissaries, according to Mr. Duell. The

amount of signs displayed and pricing comparisons needed would be overwhelming for customers and employees. In addition, the item list may change frequently according to market conditions.

“To kick off the program, we're focusing on approximately 50 popular products in the most frequently purchased sizes,” said Mr. Duell. If a customer comes to the store to buy a 30-count box of garbage bags and is mainly concerned with getting top quality at the lowest price available, the shopper can simply look for the “Best Value” sign. That price will be lower than the exact size on that item sold by any other brand carried in the commissary.”

“We're working hard to help our shoppers save money,” said Mr. Duell. “We already average 27 percent savings overall, but we want even more for our customers. Surveys show that the commissary is ranked among the top two benefits and the agency's job is to make that benefit even more valuable.”

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for those testing for the grades of staff and technical sergeant,” said Mr. Just. “In the past they were testing from Jan. 1 through March 31 and in the latest cycle the window dropped down to 45 days.”

The shorter testing cycle has brought on a decrease in the number of individuals being approved to reschedule test dates because of ‘no-shows,’ said to Mr. Just.

“On testing days the doors lock at 7:30 a.m. sharp so if

people aren't here they are considered a ‘no show.’ Individuals scheduled for a testing session should be in their seat prior to 7:30 a.m. We had 58 ‘no shows’ for senior airman testing to staff sergeant, and 43 were disapproved to reschedule.”

The test control officer's job doesn't end after all the tests are collected.

“Our job is to test individuals and get the right person based on his aptitude, knowledge skills and abilities on the right job at the right time and turn out the Air Force mission,” said

Mr. Ed Gray, 99th Mission Support Squadron chief of Customer Support. “Mr. Just is a team player who is concerned about giving individuals a fair and equitable opportunity to compete.”

Because of the possibility of compromise, the test control officer must be trustworthy, according to Mr. Gray. “Mr. Just has integrity above reproach.”

Mr. Just can be found in his office Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions concerning military exams, call 652-5295.

### **Nellis Thrift Shop closing**

***The Thrift Shop is closing after June 29 for the summer. The shop will reopen September 5. Currently the Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for consignment and shopping from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.***

### **Crosswinds Dining Facility closing**

***The Crosswinds Dining facility will be closed from July 1 to October 2. Mountain View Inn and Touch and Go will operate normal hours.***





# Nellis Living

## American Red Cross 652-2106

### Orientation

American Red Cross holds volunteer orientation at Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital at 10 a.m. Fridays.

## Chapel 652-2950

### The American Christian Youth Chorale July 17th at 7:00 p.m.

A nationally recognized musical organization, is coming to the Nellis Chapel July 17 at 7:00 p.m. as part of their "His Truth is Marching On Tour 2000." Featuring talented high school musicians selected from across the United States, this inspiring program appeals to all ages.

### Weekly Schedule: Catholic worship

**Mass:** Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

### Protestant worship

**Sunday:** Gospel service: 8 a.m. Traditional service: 11:15 a.m.

### Activities

**Vacation Bible School** will be held July 24 through 28 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. VBS participants must be 3 yrs of age (by July 24) through those who are in the 6th grade (this year). Our ending musical will be on Sunday evening, July 30. Registration is now open through July 9. Contact Denise Richards at 652-7950 for more information.

**Men of the Chapel** meet every first and third Tuesday in the Chapel basement from

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free lunch is provided.

**Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex all are welcome. Call 459-1324 or 453-4858 for more information.

**Singles** meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 652-2950.

**Officers' Christian Fellowship** has three home bible studies. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel** The PYOC will meet Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel** meet noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call 432-3849 or 453-3284.

**Widows in the Neighborhood** has monthly activities including lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

## Community Center 652-5014

### Self-defense class

A free self-defense class is being offered for individuals 16 and older. The class will focus on how to stay out of dangerous situations and teach mental awareness. Simple escape methods will also be taught. Youths 16 to 18, with an activity card, can sign up at the Youth Center and adults can sign up at the Community Center. Classes run every Thursday at 5 p.m. for six consecutive weeks ending July 13.

## Education Center 652-5280

### Student aid

The Education Center has applications for Federal Student Aid/Pell Grants, stop by the office for a form.

## ACSC

Air Command and Staff College announces its new SEMINAR/CYBER course which activates Monday and the CYBERSEMINAR program which mirrors the regular seminar program letting students interact electronically on line. For more information, call 652-9404.

### Study and test taking skills classes

Classes are scheduled for June 26 and 27 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. To schedule a class, please call 652-5280.

## AWC Seminar

Recruiting for the Air War College Nonresident Studies Seminar Program is now underway. This is an ideal way to complete senior PME, combining self-study with a formal, semi-structured meeting environment highly conducive to learning. Seminars are scheduled to start in early August 2000 and will run until June 2001. For more information call 652-9406

## TA Reimbursement

Effective immediately, applications for reimbursement of tuition assistance for correspondence courses must be made within 90 days of course completion. There will be no exceptions.

## Family Advocacy 653-3379

### Postpartum classes

Classes are scheduled for Thursday, July 13, Aug. 10 and 24, Sept. 14 and 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.

### Breast-feeding class

Classes are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 22 and Sept. 12 and 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Family Support Center 652-3327

### Parent test program

Interested in being a part of an Air Force test program?

If you have a newborn or a child to age three or are at least 7 months pregnant, then you are eligible to participate. Class is July 6 from 10 to 11 a.m. Please contact the Family Support Center to register for the class.

### Predeployment Briefing

Held every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. This briefing is designed to help members of the Nellis Community to prepare for a deployment and remote assignment. It also includes the Hearts Apart Morale Call program registration. Spouses are invited (and encouraged) to attend.

## Parenthood

This is a free 5-week course for expectant parents. Topics include budgeting for a new baby, caring for a newborn, breast/bottle feeding, child safety, infant CPR and child development. Reserve your seat now. Classes will be held every Monday through July 10, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

## Overseas returnees

If you have recently come to Nellis from Osan or Kunsan, Korea or Yokota, Japan, the Relocation Office in the Family Support Center needs your help. They are in need of speakers for classes about living and working in Japan or Korea for those with PCS orders there. If you enjoyed your tour there, please call 652-3327 or visit the Family Support Center for more information.

## HAWC 653-3376

## A Touch of Health

Massage Therapy is offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Health and Wellness Center by appointment.

## Tobacco Cessation

The tobacco cessation correspondence course is designed to help individuals who can not attend the regularly scheduled classes at the HAWC. For more

information, contact the HAWC or their web site at [www.nellis.af.mil/units/99MDSS/Tobacco\\_Cessation.htm](http://www.nellis.af.mil/units/99MDSS/Tobacco_Cessation.htm).

## Golf Course 652-2602

### Summer Swing Fest

Youth 7 to 17 are invited to attend summer golf sessions at Sunrise Vista. The second session runs from 8 to 10 a.m. Monday through July 7. Cost is \$40 a session, per person. Price includes instruction, range balls and equipment.

## Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital 653-3508

### Prepared childbirth

Six two-hour evening classes for first time parents are scheduled for July 3, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3 and 30, and Nov. 28. Class size is limited to 12 couples.

## Nellis Boys and Girls Club 652-9307

### Teen TRAILS trip

Youth 13 to 18 are invited to take a trip Wednesday to Red Rock Canyon. The tour will leave the Nellis Boys & Girls Club parking lot at 8 a.m. and will return at 5 p.m. Cost is \$2 for club members and \$5 for nonmembers. Bring extra money for snacks.

### Basketball registration

Children 5 through 16 are invited to register this month for the summer basketball season starting July 15. Cost is \$30 plus activity card fee. *Coca-Cola sponsors youth sports activities.*

## Skills Development Center 652-2794

### Spoon rest class

Children 4 and up are invited to attend this class at 10 a.m. Saturday. Each child will make a spoon rest for the kitchen. Cost for the class is \$7 per person.